CLAIMS

I Claim:

1   1. A method for sending an electronic message comprising the
2   following steps:
3   (a) in preparation for sending an e-mail message, performing the
4   following substep:
5   (a.1) removing from any addresses specified in a "To" field, any
6   addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the
7   "To" field; and,
8   (b) sending the e-mail message.

1   2. A method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) additionally comprises the
2   following substep:
3   (a.2) removing from any addresses specified in a "Cc" field, any
4   addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the
5   "Cc" field.

1   3. A method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) additionally comprises the
2   following substep:
3   (a.2) removing from any addresses specified in a "Bcc" field, any
4   addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the
5   "Bcc" field.

1   4. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) at least a subset of
2   addresses to be removed from the "To" field are specified using a group list.

1   5. A method as in claim 1 wherein in substep (a.1) at least a subset of
2   addresses to be removed from the "To" field are specified using at least one
3   group list and at least one individually listed address.

1   6. A method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) additionally comprises the
2   following substep:
3   (a.2) removing from any addresses specified in the "To" field, any
4   addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from all
5   address fields.

1   7. A method as in claim 1 wherein step (a) additionally comprises the

2   following substeps:

3   (a.2) removing from any addresses specified in a "Cc" field, any

4   addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the

5   "Cc" field;

6   (a.3) removing from any addresses specified in a "Bcc" field, any

7   addresses within a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the

8   "Bcc" field; and,

9   (a.4) removing from any addresses specified in the "To" field, the "Cc"

10   field and the "Bcc" field any addresses within a field used to specify

11   addresses to be removed from all address fields.

1   8. A method for sending an electronic message comprising the

2   following steps:

3   (a) in preparation for sending an e-mail message, performing the

4   following substep:

5   (a.1) removing from any addresses specified in a "To" field, a

6   "Cc" field and a "Bcc" field of the e-mail message any addresses within a field

7   used to specify addresses to be removed from all address fields.

8   (b) sending the e-mail message.

1   9. An electronic mail system for generating a message for being sent

2   electronically, the message comprising the following fields:

3   a "To" field for listing primary addresses to receive the message; and,

4   a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the "To" field in

5   preparation for sending the message.

1   10. An electronic mail system as in claim 9, the message additionally

2   comprising the following fields:

3   a "Cc" field for listing addresses to receive a copy of the message; and,

4   a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the "Cc" field in

5   preparation for sending the message.

1   11. An electronic mail system as in claim 9, the message additionally

2   comprising the following fields:

3   a "Bcc" field for listing addresses to receive a blind copy of the

4   message; and,

5   a field used to specify addresses to be removed from the "Bcc" field in

6   preparation for sending the message.

1   12. An electronic mail system as in claim 9, the message additionally

2   comprising the following field:

3   a field used to specify addresses to be removed from all address fields

4   in preparation for sending the message.

1   13. An electronic mail system as in claim 9, the message additionally

2   comprising the following fields:

3   a "Cc" field for listing addresses to receive a copy of the message;

4   a "Bcc" field for listing addresses to receive a blind copy of the

5   message; and,

6   a field used to specify addresses to be removed from all address fields

7   in preparation for sending the message.

1   14. An electronic mail system for generating a message for being sent

2   electronically, the message comprising the following fields:

3   a "To" field for listing primary addresses to receive the message;

4   a "Cc" field for listing addresses to receive a copy of the message;

5   a "Bcc" field for listing addresses to receive a blind copy of the

6   message; and,

7   a field used to specify addresses to be removed from all address fields

8   in preparation for sending the message.